

The proposed construction of Steve Tshwete Waste Transfer and Sorting Facility

Our Ref: 7536

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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Nsovo Mdungazi
Delta Built Environment Consultants (Pty) Ltd

The Steve Tshwete Local Municipality identified the need to establish a transfer station and sorting facility at Sikhululiwe Village for the disposal of household and garden waste. Proposed waste transfer and recycling facility that will cover an area of 4900 m² on Portion 9 of the farm Springboklaagte no. 416 JS at Sikhululiwe Village, Mpumalanga Province.

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality proposing to construct a waste transfer station and sorting facility near Sikhululiwe Village to an extent of 1000m², located on Portion 9 of the farm Springboklaagte 416 JS, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

In terms of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), no 25 of 1999, heritage resources, including archaeological or palaeontological sites over 100 years old, graves older than 60 years, structures older than 60 years are protected. They may not be disturbed without a permit from the relevant heritage resources authority. This means that before such sites are disturbed by development it is incumbent on the developer (or mine) to ensure that a Heritage Impact Assessment is done. This must include the archaeological component (Phase 1) and any other applicable heritage components. Appropriate (Phase 2) mitigation, which involves recording, sampling and dating sites that are to be destroyed, must be done as required.

SAHRA requires for a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) to be conducted for the proposed development.

SAHRA will require the development from commissioning for a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) because the palaeontological sensitivity of the proposed location has *Very High and High fossil potential* (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>). The proposed development will be mining fossiliferous rocks along with the coal.

SAHRA Notification of Development comment

Before a Further Comment can be issued on this development SAHRA requires the following report to be submitted to the case:

A field based HIA conducted by a suitably qualified professional archaeologist. If you are unaware of any archaeologists then here is a link below for a list of archaeologists:

(http://www.asapa.org.za/uploads/files/CRM_List_October_2014_%282%29_%281%29_%283%29.pdf).

SAHRA Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites Unit requires the development to commission a Palaeontological Impact Assessment (PIA) because the palaeontological sensitivity of the area is *Very High*



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and the underlying geology of proposed location may be fossiliferous shales and sandstone of the Vryheid Formation (<http://www.sahra.org.za/sahris/map/palaeo>).

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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Heritage Officer
South African Heritage Resources Agency

ADMIN:

Direct URL to case: <http://www.sahra.org.za/node/265878>
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